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Introduction

Based on Ethnobotanical surveys since year 1990 in different parts of India Pankaj Oudhia has documented vital information about Medicinal Plants mentioned in the famous publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918). Through this research document Pankaj Oudhia has tried to present original document with additional notes. For complete paper with pictures, Interactive Tables, Video and Audio clips please visit pankajoudhia.com

For original publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918) please visit <https://archive.org/details/indianmedicinalp01kirt>

305. *Leea macrophylla*, Roxb. h.f.b.l, i. 664,
Roxb. 291.

Sans. : — Samoodraka.

Vern. — Dhol-shumoodra (B.) ; Dinda (Bomb.) ; Samudraca
(H.) ; Hatkan (Santal) ; Dinda (Mar.).

Habitat :— Throughout the hotter parts of India, from the tropical Himalaya, as far west as Kumaon, to Bengal, Assam, and the Western Peninsula.

Stems erect, flexuose. Leaves simple, 9in., 2-fid, broadly ovate, sub-cordate at base, coarsely serrate or dentate or sub-lobed, repand, glabrous and dark green above, nearly white beneath, and pubescent, with minute-branching hairs. Cymes puberulous, 1-ft. or more, freely-branching. Flowers white, small. Fruit the size of a small cherry, smooth, black, succulent.

Part used : — The root. **[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *All parts are used as medicine.*]**

Uses : — The tuberous root is employed in the cure of guinea-worm, and when pounded is applied to obstinate sores to promote cicatrization. According to Roxburgh, the root is astringent and a reputed remedy for ringworm (Dymock).

The root is said to yield colour for dyeing.

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In Chhota Nagpur, it is supposed to have anodyne properties, being applied externally to allay pain (Revd. A. Campbell).

The Burmans use the root as an application to wounds to stop the effusion of blood (Mason).

[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *Through Ethnobotanical surveys I have collected information about over 25,000 Traditional Herbal Formulations in which Leea parts are used both internally as well as externally. These Formulations are used in treatment of over 30 common as well as complicated diseases. It is really surprising that young researchers are not taking much interest in this species. There are hundreds of Formulations waiting for validation under frame of modern science. The uses of Leea in treatment of different types of cancer with Indigenous Medicinal Rice and also with tens of wild insect species in Traditional Entomotherapy are unique Traditional Medicinal Knowledge waiting for further research. Please Table Leea-1 to Leea-18 for details about Herbal Formulations.*

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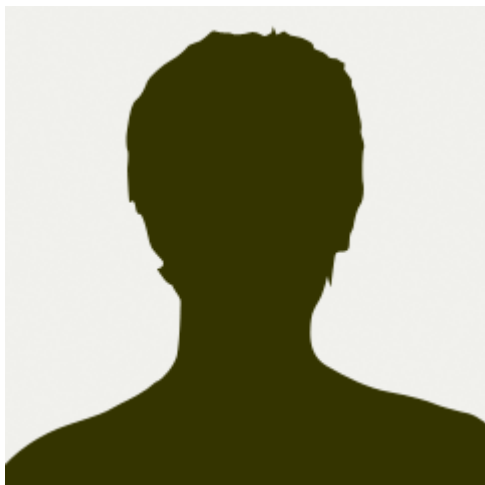
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